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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.163(d)(2)**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining this continuing application (which is a continuation of U.S.S.N. 08/497,382, filed June 29, 1995), kindly amend the continuing application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE**

On page 1, after the title "APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL INSPECTION OF WAFERS DURING POLISHING", delete the names of the inventors "Eran Dvir, Eli Haimovich and Benjamin Shulman" as Moshe Finarov is the sole inventor in this application.

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please amend Figures 6-9 as shown in the red-ink mark up of these figures as originally filed in the prior application identified above.

  
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